

A 'Tsunami' Hits Kansas



The people of Kansas are facing a big issue this fall—and CWA of Kansas is right in the middle. The Kansas State Board of Education will vote on new science standards to guide teaching and curriculum. At the heart of the proposed changes is the clash of worldviews. Did our world and mankind—life itself—*evolve* by random chance? Or did they result from some sort of intelligence, through *design*?

Judy Smith, CWA's wonderful Kansas State Director and a registered pharmacist, describes the clash of these two worldviews as "tsunami-like," because what we believe about our origins flows into nearly every issue. For example, if human life developed randomly, and has no greater value than any other form of life, why worry about killing embryos in order to harvest their stem cells?

This isn't the first time Kansas has dealt with evolution. In 1999, the School Board authorized each school district to make its own decision about teaching evolution. The media quickly distorted this decision, saying that Kansas had banned evolutionary theory.

Although we may not agree with it, the truth is that evolution is clearly in the standards and will remain there. CWA of Kansas is supporting the School Board's efforts to bring some balance. "It's an issue of academic freedom," says Judy. "Darwinian theorists demand that their theory be taught exclusively. We want the school board to decide to present both sides, to include other science that points to an intelligent designer."

The School Board subcommittee held public hearings with credentialed scientists to present the case for intelligent design. However, committee members who oppose the changes refused to provide speakers or to attend. The media reported that the hearing was rigged and continued to paint people who support intelligent design as ignorant.

Despite the opposition, the Kansas State Board of Education is expected to vote on the changes this fall. CWA of Kansas will continue to support real education, not Darwinian propaganda, by attending and testifying at Board meetings, talking to the news media, writing letters to the editor, and offering support and encouragement to Board members who share our views.

Other states will be watching. Indeed, even *The Washington Post* reported last March: "Policymakers in 19 states are weighing proposals that question the science of evolution."

Won't you join me in praying for the right outcome in Kansas?

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